

# Finding Grants

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## Federal Grants

### Grants.gov (<http://www.grants.gov/>)

Grants.gov allows organizations to electronically find and apply for competitive grant opportunities from all federal grant-making agencies. As of November 2003, all federal agencies are required to post grant opportunities online at this website. You can browse by category, agency, or use advanced search capabilities to identify potential programs and/or link to grant applications posted online. You can also use the CFDA number, included below in Government grant sources, to search for specific grant opportunities. Finally, you can also register to receive grant opportunity notifications.

### Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (<https://www.cfda.gov/>)

The online Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance provides access to a database of all federal programs available to state and local governments (including the District of Columbia); federally- recognized Indian tribal governments; Territories (and possessions) of the United States; domestic public, quasi-public, and private profit and nonprofit organizations and institutions; specialized groups; and individuals. When a grant program opens, requests for proposals (RFPs) are published in the Federal Register. You can use the CFDA number, included below in Government grant sources, to search for specific grant opportunities.

When searching on these sites, consider searching by government program (e.g. No Child Left Behind), by category (e.g. education), or by agency (e.g. Department of Education). The following keywords or any combination thereof may also prove useful: literacy; Head Start; early childhood; parent education; reading; children + families.

The following departments and divisions are particularly fruitful sources of federal grants. More detailed information is posted on each individual agency's website:

- Department of Education (<http://www.ed.gov/>)
- Corporation for National and Community Service (<http://www.nationalservice.gov/>)
- Institute of Museum and Library Services (<http://www.ims.gov/>)
- Administration for Children and Families, Dept. for Health and Human Services (<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/>)
- National Endowment for the Humanities (<http://www.neh.gov/>)
- National Institute for Literacy (<https://www.federalregister.gov/agencies/national-institute-for-literacy>)

## State grants

### Oregon.gov (<http://www.oregon.gov/pages/index.aspx>)

Oregon.gov, the state's web portal to all of its services, provides your best source for grant information. State funding sources are more limited than federal source but generally may be more specific in scope and do not have as many applicants. In particular, check out grant opportunities from the following agencies:

- Oregon Department of Education (<http://www.ode.state.or.us/home/>)
- Oregon State Library, Library Development Services (<http://www.oregon.gov/osl/ld/pages/index.aspx>)

## Non-Government Grants

### Oregon Foundation Databook (<http://foundationdatabook.com/oregon-foundations-12th-edition/>)

The Oregon Foundation Databook is a directory of every Oregon foundation, with comprehensive profiles of the largest 280 grantmaking foundations and a categorical listing of every one of the more than 12,000 grants they awarded to mostly Oregon nonprofit organizations for the most recent year on record. The most recent edition is available for ILL through the **Oregon State Library** (<http://catalog.osl.state.or.us/search~S2>).

### Foundation Center (<http://foundationcenter.org/>)

The Foundation Center is the leading source of information about philanthropy worldwide. Their **Foundation Directory Online Free** (<http://foundationcenter.org/findfunders/foundfinder/>) database provides information about nearly 90,000 grant-issuing foundations. The **Foundation Directory in print** (<http://foundationcenter.org/findfunders/fundingsources/printcd.html>) or the subscription-based **Foundation Directory Online** (<http://foundationcenter.org/findfunders/fundingsources/printcd.html>) has additional resources for grant seekers.

There are 6\* **Funding Information Network locations** (<http://foundationcenter.org/find-us>) in Portland, Eugene, Astoria, Bend, and Klamath Falls. The centers offer access to their full database of grant funders and reference assistance to help you with your search.

\* Yes, 6. There are 2 in Eugene: One at U of O and one at the Eugene Public Library.